charges and compensation for non supply of Dates, NCCF has filed an arbitration case against the party. Hence no further action is comtemplated.

(b) to (d) No, Sir, according to the terms of the agreement entered with the firm, the NCCF had to move the Delhi High Court for referring the claim matter to the arbitrator. The Delhi High Court vide their order dated 31-7-86 accordingly referred the dispute to the Arbitrator

Setting up of sugar factories

78. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are pending for setting up cooperative sugar factories in backward areas in Gujarat, Maharashtra and other States;

(b) whether Government are aware that because of the New Sugar Policy, a number of backward areas are deprived of setting up of cooperative sugar factories;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of cooperatives and others have demanded for a change in the new sugar policy; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) At present there are 2 applications before the Central Government for setting up cooperative sugar factories in backward areas in Tamil Nadu.

(b) to (d) Central Government has received a few representations requesting for a change in the licensing policy for new sugar units to be set up in backward areas. It has been clarified that backward areas shall be given priority in the matter of licensing subject to availability of cane and techno-economic feasibility.

Supply of edible oil and foodgrains to Gujarat

79. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested to increase the quota of edible oil and foodgrains;

(b) if so, what is the demand of the Gujarat State Government; and

(c) what quantity of edible oil and foodgrains, at present being supplied to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Gujarat have requested for a monthly allocation of 20,000 to 25,000 MTs. of edible oils and 90,000 MTs. of wheat.

(c) The Government of Gujarat have been allocated 24,000 MTs. of imported edible oil each for the months of October and November, 1987. The State Government has been allotted 60,000 MTs. of wheat and 35,000 MTs. of rice each for the months of October, 1987 and November, 1987. They have also been allotted a quantity of 50,000 MTs. of wheat for drought relief in October, 1987.

Oilseed Production

80. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of shortfall in the Kharif Oilseed production and what is its likely impact on the availability vis-a-vis price structure;

(b) what are the main causes for the shortfall in the anticipated production of oil seeds; and

(c) what measures are being contemplated by Government to redeem the situation by removing the constraints for better prospects of Rabi oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Due to widespread drought conditions in some of the principal kharif oilseeds producing States, the production is expected to decline this year. Final estimates of production for the kharif crops, including oilseeds, are not yet due from the State Governments. As such, it is too early to assess the likely impact on the availability vis-a-vis price structure, as of now.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation in 17 oilseeds growing States. Under this Project, financial assistance is provided for the various inputs including quality seed, plant protection, farm implements, rhizobium culture, organisation of large sized demonstrations, training to farmers etc. Besides, a new Oilseeds Production Thrust Project has been sanctioned during 1987-88 for 14 States for strengthening the efforts to boost up the production of oilseeds. In this new Project, thrust has been given mainly on production of seeds, plant protection, seed minikit distribution and farmers training programme.

Estimated production of Rabi and Kharif Crops

81. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether food production is likely to be affected as a result of country's worst dought and, if so, details of state-wise production, crop-wise, for last three years including this year's anticipated production of Kharif and Rabi crops separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Due to widespread drought conditions prevailing in many States during the kharif season, production of foodgrains in 1987-88 is likely to be affected. Firm estimates of kharif production 1987-88 are not yet due from the States. Sowings of rabi crops are still in progress and it is too early to quantify the anticipated production of kharif and rabi crops separately for the year 1987-88. The attached statement gives the State-wise production of kharif and rabi foodgrains during the crop year 1985-86 (*See* below). The crop estimates for 1986-87 are under finalization.

Statement

State-wise estimates of foodgrains production 1985-86

(Lakh Tonnes)

State	Kharif	Rabi	Total
Andhra Pradesh	76.3	28.4	104.7
Assam	28.3	2.0	30.3
Bihar	73.3	39.1	112.4
Gujarat	18.0	9.7	27.7
Haryana	20.8	60.6	81.4